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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A method of using a voice messaging system to place a telephone call, comprising:

establishing a user account for a user, wherein the user account has associated with it pre-determined rates for placing telephone calls using the voice messaging system;
issuing the user an user-identification code and a password code associated with the user account;
providing the user a toll-free number by which to access the voice messaging system;
receiving a call from the user via the toll-free number;
verifying that the user is a valid user by receiving and verifying the user-identification code and password code associated with the user account;
receiving a request from the user to place a telephone call;
receiving from the user the telephone number to call;
placing the call to the telephone number; and
charging the user account of the user the pre-determined rates if the call is connected.

25-52. (Cancelled)